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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST TO
CORRECT APPLICATION INFORMATION

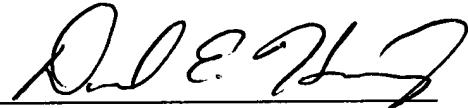
Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 25, 2003, in connection with the above-identified Application.

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Response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check,
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Response to Restriction Requirement

The Restriction Requirement indicates that claims 1-15 (Group I) are drawn to a storage system comprising operation coordinating logic, and that claims 16-30 (Group II) are drawn to a method for enhancing data transfer.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, claims 1-15 (Group I).

Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims of at least the scope of the non-elected claims (i.e., claims 16-30) in one or more related Applications.

Request to Correct Application Information

Applicants wish to point out a few informalities in the Application information, as listed on the cover sheet of the Restriction Requirement. In particular, the firm name of Applicants' Representative is incorrect. The correct firm name of Applicants' Representative is "Chapin & Huang, LLC".

Additionally, the docket number is incorrect. The correct docket number is "EMC02-34(DG-668)".

Applicants have provided a copy of the cover sheet of the Restriction Requirement with corrections in red ink. Entrance of these corrections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

An early and favorable communication is hereby earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants Representative collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this